

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO HAWAII WILL BE SUGAR TAKEN FROM FREE LIST

Repeal of Obnoxious Clause in Underwood Tariff Measure is Scheduled To Be Made An Immediate Order of Business

HOUSE PLANS TO ACT WITHOUT ANY DELAY

Congress Will Take Action In This Matter In Connection With The Bill To Increase Revenues of the United States

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—The repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff will be taken up for consideration and passed before Christmas, according to a statement made last night by Representative Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house and Democratic floor leader. Representative Kitchin made this announcement following a conference with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in which the administration's fiscal program was discussed at length.

Big Revenue Getter.

It is estimated that this emergency revenue measure will produce a treasury fund of \$80,000,000 a year if enacted in the form suggested by the treasury department.

The sugar clause repeal will be the only tariff legislation taken up before the end of the year, the administration's general revenue measures to rest over for introduction until after the New Year.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's annual report, formally transmitted to Congress yesterday, strongly backs up the President's recommendation for the retention of the duty on sugar, quoting figures to show the need of retaining sugar on the revenue-producing list. His report says:

Exemptions To Be Lowered

On the subject of securing additional revenue to raise the funds that are needed, he proposes to lower the exemption figure of the federal income tax, so that the tax will include married persons getting \$2000 or more, and unmarried persons getting \$2000 or more. The present exemption figure is \$3000 for single and \$4000 for married persons. He also recommends that the surtax, or special tax on large incomes, should begin at \$10,000 instead of \$20,000, as at present.

Mr. McAdoo says that \$4,600,000 of personal taxes and \$20,891,000 of corporation taxes remain unpaid. Country Strong Financially.

Speaking of the country's general condition, he declared that it is the strongest financially in its entire history, and quoted reports from Dun's and Bradstreet's financial journals in proof of his statement. The gold in the United States on November 1, he pointed out, was the largest amount ever held in one country, amounting to \$2,198,113,792 against \$1,805,876,580 on January 2, 1915.

The total estimated appropriations for the next fiscal year he gave as \$1,285,857,808, including \$316,364,879 for the postal service, which is reimbursable, and \$90,000,000 for the Panama Canal and sinking funds.

Deficits Will Be Reduced

The receipts he estimated at \$580,200,000, ordinary disbursements at \$932,901,000, and deficit at \$252,701,000, which, he says, will be reduced to about \$20,000,000 by the extension of the emergency war taxes and the continuance of the duty on raw sugar.

The secretary recommends taxes on gasoline, crude oil, autos, etc., as President Wilson did in his message.

FERS ASSISTANCE TO FIX FINANCES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—The American minister to Santo Domingo, S. Russell, has been instructed to ascertain whether the Dominicans desire American aid in the rehabilitation of the finances of their Republic through any plan similar to the one now in operation in Haiti. The intimation is that the United States will assume the task if the Dominicans can't make the request.

MONTENEGRO WANTS PEACE, SAYS BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, December 8.—According to the Overseas News Agency, Montenegro is so badly beaten that its leaders have expressed a desire for separate peace, being unable to withstand the superior forces of the enemy.

ORTIE M'NAMAL IS STAR WITNESS

Dynamiter Who Turned State's Evidence Against M'Namaras, Testifies In Schmidt Case

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LOS ANGELES, December 9.—Ortie E. McManigal, the star witness for the State in the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder, his crime consisting in the supplying of the bombs used in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building several years ago, in the explosion and consequent fire a number of men being killed, took the stand yesterday for an examination that is expected to last for several days.

McManigal turned state's evidence when the McNamara brothers were tried and convicted as the men who had placed and exploded the bombs and had been living in the Los Angeles Times building at the time of the explosion. He testified that he was a dynamiter under instructions from Herbert Hocking.

McManigal will be followed by the stand by the next important witness, George E. Davis, the New York iron worker, and Edward Clark, former business agent of the Cincinnati iron workers' union, both of whom have made revelations to the authorities concerning the workings of the dynamite conspiracy in which Schmidt is alleged to have played a part even after the Los Angeles Times building was blown up here five years ago.

REPORTED MUTINY DENIED BY GARLICK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—Captain Garlick of the S. S. Minnesota has wirelessed in a statement that there has been no mutiny in his crew and that the cause of the trouble which disabled the liner is mechanical only, his engines being put out of commission.

The Minnesota is expected to make port on Wednesday next. Last night the great ship was 607 miles south of Laguna, the tug Dauntless towing her north at the rate of four and a half miles an hour. The tug Sea River has gone to assist the Dauntless in her tow.

'GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT' WITH AMERICA STANDS

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, December 9.—Representative K. Morita, former editor of a paper published in Sacramento, California, and now a member of the diet, today questioned Baron Ishii, minister of foreign affairs, whether or not the Japanese and United States governments had any intention of breaking away from the so-called "gentleman's agreement" covering Japanese emigration to America in the near future. Baron Ishii replied that there would not be the slightest modification of the agreement in the near future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DISPLEASES PACIFICOS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ABOARD S. S. OSCAR II, December 9.—President Wilson's vigorous stand for preparedness, as evidenced in his message to Congress yesterday, has not pleased the peace delegates who are with Henry Ford on his voyage to Europe. The President's message, sent to the ship by wireless, was read with much eagerness, but its demand for a larger army and navy and statement that the United States must be prepared in a military way to resist aggression, has displeased the Ford delegation.

TOKIO SAYS PEACE HAS BEEN RESTORED

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, December 8.—Peace has been restored in Shanghai. After having captured the arsenal and two warships the revolutionists finally gave up the fight against Yuan Shih-kai's forces and surrendered. A despatch from Shanghai states that the revolutionary forces were outnumbered.

KAISER HAS PERSONAL INTEREST IN ATTACHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 8.—The Kaiser has a personal interest in the case of Captains von Papen and Boy-El, it is learned. The attaches, now the subject of a request by the United States for recall, were personally appointed by the Kaiser and he will probably personally order their withdrawal. The United States has indicated that their activities render them persona non grata to this government.

CARRIES HEAVY BURDEN

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, December 8.—The fourth son of Emperor Yoshihito, born a few days ago, has been given the name of Suminaka Takahito. The ceremony in connection with the naming of the son took place in the royal palace yesterday afternoon.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

Why waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

TEUTONS THREATEN TO MENACE ALLIES

They Draw Near Greek Border and May Outflank Anglo-French Forces

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 9.—The Teutons operating in the Monastir district of Southern Serbia have pushed a force east as far as Kreni, south of Monastir and close to the Greek border, this movement threatening to outflank the Allies in their Vardar Valley positions.

On the extreme right wing of the Allies, held by the French at Stranitsa, in Bulgaria, the Bulgars attempted a flanking movement, the French retreating upon Demirkop, where they were tested. The advancing Bulgarians were then thrown back in heavy defeat, retiring from the battle.

The bulk of the German and Bulgarian armies are concentrating against the idea of an her attempt against the Allies who are now holding south-west Serbia.

Heavy fighting has been in progress there for the last few days. Although the Germans have announced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro, the pursuing Austrians and Bulgarians are evidently confronted with a harder task on the Montenegrin frontier than elsewhere.

NO PARTISAN FIGHT

OVER PREPAREDNESS

Republicans Stand Ready To Back President's Defense Plan

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 8.—No partisan fight upon the President's military defense program is being prepared by the Republican forces in the senate and so far no evidence of such a fight has appeared in congress.

The senate Republicans have made it known that they will not start opposition to the program on a partisan basis, providing the Democrats do not frame the bill in caucus, prevent the Republicans from having any voice in its preparation, and attempt to make it purely a Democratic document.

Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader, has told the President that the Republicans want the army and the navy strengthened and are cooperating with the Democrats to get the best results possible.

Senator Gallinger says that the President told him he would not approve of the Democratic caucus making the defense plans party measure. The senator disagreed with the President's merchant marine plan. He said today he would offer a substitute when the administration bill is introduced.

HUNGARIAN LEADER MAKES PEACE TALK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, December 8.—News has reached here that Julius Andrássy, former premier of Hungary and one of the leading Hungarian statesmen, in a speech in the chamber of deputies dealt with the possibility of peace and the advisability of making a peace move at this time.

"It is human duty to make peace at the earliest moment," he declared. "I am completely convinced that we shall be able to conquer the most extreme resistance of the enemy and continue the war until our adversaries are forced to ask for peace, but it would be a blessing to conclude peace before the last moment."

PRESIDENT SAYS PARTY CANNOT LOSE IN 1916

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 8.—Addressing the members of the Democratic national committee, who were his guests at luncheon today, President Wilson asserted:

"Anyone who thinks we shall be beaten in 1916 is talking through his hat."

He declared that the party would be in good order for the next campaign, because it has fulfilled its pre-election promises.

BRAZILIAN PEARLS GIVEN TO MRS. GALT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—A. J. Rotel, the Brazilian delegate to the Pan-American Scientific Congress yesterday presented Mrs. Galt, the President's bride to be, with a bracelet of Brazilian pearls and tropical flowers for a courage bouquet to be worn at the wedding.

BERLIN WANTS MORE CREDIT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, December 9.—Overseas Service.—The German reichstag is to be asked to vote an additional war credit of \$2,500,000,000, this being supplementary to the 1915 budget.

TEUTONS THREATEN TO MENACE ALLIES PLAN INVASION OF BRITISH INDIA

Another Attempt Against Egypt May Be Abandoned For This New Operation

Reinforcements Are Arriving At Front In Mesopotamia For General Townshend

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 9.—Reports from Constantinople, reaching here indirectly, tell of a purported plan on the part of Germany to invade British India. The plan involves the abandonment of the idea of an her attempt against Egypt, in place of which a campaign will be launched with a Turco-German force operating through Mesopotamia against India.

Constantinople hears that Germany will supply 100,000 men, while Turkey will be called upon for 400,000, the combined expedition to be under the command of General von der Goltz.

The reinforcements for General Townshend, which had been sent to join him before the British reverse at Clephon, are now commencing to reach the front and the position of the Anglo-Indian force is improving. The Turks under General von der Goltz have not yet launched their threatened attack upon the British lines at Kut-el-Amara.

Austen Chamberlain yesterday announced in the commons the losses of the British Mesopotamian expeditionary force in the Clephon fighting, following which the retreat from before Bagdad began. These are: killed, 643; wounded, 5330, and missing, 594.

SECOND PROTEST SENT IN CASE OF HOCKING

Requisition Made By British Admiralty Not Approved

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—The order of the British admiralty requisitioning the American steamer Hocking, which had been seized and taken into Halifax as a prize of war by a British cruiser, has been postponed in its execution for three weeks, according to a despatch received yesterday from Consul-General Jones at Halifax.

The case of the Hocking, the seizure of which has been protested against by the state department, has not yet come before a prize court. The British admiralty having explained that her requisition for government purposes was a temporary matter, not affecting the status of the ship nor prejudicing the right of her owner to have her returned if the prize court failed to uphold the validity of the seizure.

Despite this explanation, a second protest in her case was presented by Ambassador Page at London, the taking over of the ship being the base of the second protest. It is believed here that this second protest is the cause of the postponement of the admiralty's requisition order.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SINKS ITALIAN SHIP

Cruiser Sent To Bottom Off Coast Of Albania

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
VIENNA, December 9.—An Italian cruiser, the identity of which has not been announced, was sunk by an Austrian submarine off the coast of Albania on the fifth, according to an official announcement by the admiralty yesterday.

An official report from the war office announces that the Austrians have defeated the Montenegrins east of Berane. In the capture of Ipek, the Austrians took eight guns, 160 carts, forty automobiles, thousands of rifles and twelve field guns. General Koeweis announces also the capture of 2000 prisoners.

The Serbian retreat through Albania is being hampered by the Albanians, who are making continuous attacks upon the Serbs.

OUTLAW LEAGUE IN WEST IS PLANNED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
KANSAS CITY, December 7.—Plans are on foot for the organization of a new league with possible affiliations with the Federal "outlaw" league. It will include cities in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

Pazo Ointment is guaranteed to cure blind, bleeding, itching or protruding PILES in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

FIRST STEP TO AMEND SEAMEN'S ACT TAKEN

Secretary Redfield Confers With New York Shipping Men

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—Representative Alexander, chairman of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, has promised to introduce a bill early in the present session removing some of the objections that have been advanced to the LaFollette Seamen's Act and generally liberalizing that law.

A conference was held yesterday between Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Representative Alexander and a number of New York shipping men, the latter pointing out the interference with the legitimate carrying on of their business imposed by the Seamen's Act. For one thing, the shippers told the secretary, the examiners appointed under the bill to examine applicants for certificates as able seamen, have declared it seems unfair because of disabilities that interfere in no way with their work or their ability to work.

Secretary Redfield requested the shippers to put their objections to the law into writing, in order that he might go into them further. He also requested them to draft out the recommendations they desired to make in the way of amendments.

VILLISTA GENERAL WINS A VICTORY

By Burning Railway Bridges He Cuts Carranzistas Off From Agua Prieta

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DOUGLAS, Arizona, December 9.—General Rodriguez, in command of the largest remaining force of Villistas, has occupied Fronteras, driving the Carranzistas under General Calles further south. The Villistas have burned the railroad bridges and have thus cut the Carranzistas communication with Agua Prieta. A battle for the possession of Agua Prieta is expected soon.

PRESIDENT DEFENDS MEXICAN POLICY

The reply of the administration at Washington to those who criticize the recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico because of charges of outrages upon priests and nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, was made public in Washington on the night of November 28, according to correspondence of the Associated Press to The Advertiser, in a letter by Secretary Tumulty to Dr. James J. McGuire of Trenton, New Jersey, who had written to the White House for an explanation of what he characterized as "wide-spread criticism."

Secretary Tumulty advised Doctor McGuire that the files of the state department failed to disclose any official record of a single proven case of outrages upon nuns, and he included in his letter a statement by the Catholic vicar general at Mexico City, which disclosing the shooting of priests, and the explosion and imprisonment of others, declared there had been no violations of nuns in that district.

The horrors of the conflict have been kept alive by these on the losing side, but that it should be the duty of all citizens of both the United States and Mexico to contribute in every manner to the early rehabilitation of the nation so long torn by civil strife and to avoid keeping open the wounds.

"Counsel and sympathy are heedful and would be merciful now, because they would be of wonderful efficacy in uniting the people of Mexico in the work of reconstruction," wrote Mr. Tumulty. "Efforts to arouse racial or religious feelings among them will have the effect of opening anew the wounds which should be healed, and of creating an open sore to torture that poor people as long as their minds are kept inflamed against their brethren."

The secretary also called attention to the recognition of President Juarez by the Buchanan administration following "the bloodiest of all civil wars ever waged in Mexico," marked by "all the bitterness and cruelties of a religious war."

Emphasis was laid on the recognition of Carranza by the Latin American countries which joined in the Pan American peace conference. All of these Latin American countries, Mr. Tumulty pointed out, were Catholic nations.

SLIDES IN BIG DITCH ALMOST CUT THROUGH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PANAMA, December 9.—Only fifty feet of earth now separates the two channels being dredged through the slides at the Culebra Cut in the canal, unless the bottom bulges again the dredges at work will be able to cut through this within a few days. However, General Goethals will make no predictions as to the date of the reopening of the waterway, stating that the slides have not as yet been stopped. It is not expected that the canal will be reopened for many weeks to come.

STOVE FOR A REST HOUSE

Mrs. McCormack, the wife of the principal owner of the McCormick Harvester Company, who was recently a visitor in Hawaii, has made a present of a stove to the rest house in Haleakala. It arrived in the Lurline some time ago and was taken half way up the mountain by Promotion Agent F. J. Halton on his trip to the top last week. The stove was left at Haleakala and will be installed in the rest house at the earliest opportunity.

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SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—It is reported here that an Eastern million factory has offered to equip all the Exposition grounds at present higher than they have been carrying. A dearth of the proper kind of labor in the ammunition works is reported.

COMMUNICAW'S FATE STILL DOUBTFUL, ALTHOUGH DISTRESS SIGNALS FLASHED BROADCAST

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ROME, December 9.—The Giornale d'Italia has received despatches from Egypt confirming the earlier news despatches announcing the sinking of the American tank steamer Communicaw off the coast of Tripoli on Tuesday, these despatches stating also that the American steamer was sunk by a German submarine and that it is believed that Captain Nordstrom and his entire crew are lost.

The despatches published by the Giornale announce that the submarine was seen as a torpedo boat, one of the largest type of German underwater craft.

The Communicaw, after she was torpedoed and was sinking, sent out S.O.S. signals of distress, which were picked up and relayed on by an Italian steamer. These signals were responded to by a Greek torpedo boat, a British warship and the Italian steamer, the three cooperating to save the location given by the American steamer in her S.O.S. call.

No trace of the tanker could be found, nor were any small boats with survivors sighted.

PAGE DOUBTS SINKING

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The state department has received a despatch from Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page at Rome saying that he has been informed the standard oil steamer Communicaw has been captured and taken to an unnamed port. The nationality of the captors is not named.

ARTILLERYMAN SHOT DURING WHEEL ROW

Colored Soldier With Whom He Had Fight Held For Firing Bullet

As the result of a row which occurred at Iwilei early yesterday morning, Private Pierce, Battery G, First Field Artillery, is lying in the Fort Shafter military hospital with a bullet wound in his body, and Pvt. W. Marshall, Company L, Twenty-Ninth Infantry, in the guardhouse at Schofield Barracks facing trial by court-martial on a charge of attempt to murder.

The trouble is said to have occurred outside the room of a Porto Rican woman. It appears that Marshall was sitting on the steps of the room talking to the woman when three members of the First Field Artillery passed, and one of them accidentally trod on Marshall's foot.

Hot words followed and a tussle ensued between Marshall and Pierce, during which a shot was fired and Pierce fell to the ground. Marshall ran away and was pursued by Police Officers Marink and Gomez, who caught him and placed him under arrest.

The colored man protested his innocence, stating that Pierce had been in the act of drawing a gun when he, Marshall, grabbed the weapon, which was accidentally discharged during the struggle.

The authorities take little stock in Marshall's story and believe that there is no doubt that he fired the shooting wound. In a pocket of his coat was found a bullet hole and the fabric was scorched as though by the explosion of a cartridge.

Pierce was removed to the department hospital and examination showed that the bullet had entered his body about six inches above the heart and had deflected so that it lodged in an arm. The wound was X-rayed yesterday and last night it was stated that fatal results were not anticipated.

City Attorney Brown took the matter in hand and after a conference with Col. L. W. V. Kennon of the Twenty-Ninth Infantry, it was decided that the military authorities should take charge of the case.

A letter was sent to town from Schofield Barracks yesterday afternoon and Marshall was taken back to the post.

JAPANESE BUILDINGS AT FAIR DISPOSED OF

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 8.—The disposition of the buildings of the Japanese exhibit at the fair has been decided upon. The Japanese gardens will be given to the trustees of the Golden Gate park, to whom also will be presented the model of the famous Golden Pavilion of Kyoto.

The Japanese executive building is to be presented to the University of California. Yesterday the Seattle Maru sailed from this port for Yokohama direct. She will not call at Honolulu.

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WILHELM EPISODE LEADS TO ACTION WHICH MAY BRING WIENNA TO TERMS

Washington Sends Peremptory Demand Upon Monarchy To Disavow Sinking of Liner and Agree To Make Reparation

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—Based upon the official report sent from Rome by Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page and the affidavit of Dr. Cecile Greil, the only survivor amongst the American passengers of the Italian liner Ancona, sunk on November 10 in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, the state department yesterday dispatched a peremptory note to the Austrian government, to be delivered at Vienna today by Ambassador Fenfield.

The American note demands that the government of Austria-Hungary disavow the act of the commander of the submarine in attacking an unarmed passenger ship, sinking it with the loss of two hundred and eight persons, men, women, and children; that the Austrian government agree to make suitable reparation for the American citizens killed or drowned as a result of the submarine attack, and that Austria-Hungary give assurances to the United States that there be no repetition of such attacks upon passenger carrying liners.

ATTACK ON UNWARNED PASSENGER SHIP ISSUE

Emperor Franz Josef Must Cease Such Submarine Warfare and Make Suitable Amends For the American Lives Destroyed

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AMERICAN WOMAN DESCRIBES SINKING

The Literary Digest gives the substance of the statement made by Doctor Greil, a woman physician of New York, as follows:

"Doctor Greil, a New York woman physician, declares in a despatch to the London Daily Mail: 'We received no warning to stop. The first shot crashed into the fore part of the ship, shattering the bridge and deck.' All was confusion and panic. Doctor Greil went to her cabin for her passport. As she tells it:

"When I got to my cabin and stooped to open my trunk, which was under the bed, I heard my port-hole window crash inward and felt the whizzing of a shell over my head. I saw Maria, my stewardess, fall down before the door, struck by a shrapnel bullet.

Returning to the deck, Dr. Greil found 'not a soul was in command of the passengers. Chaos reigned.' Only a few, she says, 'had life belts. The second cabin and stowage people lost their heads utterly, and no one helped them with belts.' Dr. Greil finally jumped into one of the seven boats which got safely away from the Ancona, though she was expecting every moment to be killed, for shells struck many small boats and injured or killed the passengers.' From the boat Doctor Greil saw the end of the Ancona.

I saw the track of a torpedo that had been fired from the submarine. It hit the Ancona with a terrific explosion, accompanied with a great mass of steam and water, which rose high above the vessel. She listed, turned turtle, and sank in seven minutes.

WILHELM SETS DATE FOR ROYAL WEDDING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, December 9.—It is reported here that the Kaiser, expressing the hope that the war will be over before that time, has set the date for the wedding of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to the Princess Marie of Anhalt, niece of the reigning duke, Friedrich, and daughter of Prince Edward and Princess Louise of Sax-Altenburg. Princess Marie will be eighteen years old on June 10. The hope attributed to the Kaiser that the war will be over before the end of February is attracting attention.

BIG STEEL MERGER NOW BEING FORMED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
JOHNSTOWN, Pennsylvania, December 9.—The Cambria Steel Company, the Lackawanna Steel corporation, the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, the Youngstown Steel Company and either the Inland or the Ingot Steel Company will merge their plants into one great corporation, the deal to be perfected within the next ten days.

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